



TWO YEARS OF APC AT WORK IN

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Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje is rapidly changing the face of Kano state in more ways than one. Within two years of his assumption of power as the democratically elected governor of the state, under the banner of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC), Governor Ganduje has already left remarkable marks on the overall socio-cultural, economic, and political development of the state. Governor Ganduje has demonstrated the courage of his convictions to give the good people of Kano state the needed dividends of democracy, which he affirmed in his inaugural speech. Also, his promise that his government would continue with the programmes and projects left behind by the past administration and initiate new ones have been kept. Ganduje's government has also initiated and fine-tuned the policies his administration inherited, bringing innovations that would transform Kano to a mega-city. His words: "This government is a continuation of the former government – with fine-tuning, completion of uncompleted projects and the initiation of new projects." Two years down the line, Governor Ganduje's mid-term scorecard has shown impressive results in various aspects of life, to the benefit of the good people of Kano state.



Gov. Ganduje emphasising a point during a meeting with his Commissioners

REVISED KANO STATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (KSDPII)

In his quest to achieve greatness and spread development across the state, Governor Ganduje recently launched the Revised Kano State Development Plan (KSDPII).

- The development plan is an important policy and information document which is designed to help in moving Kano state to its desired destination.
- The Revised Plan is a 10-year framework designed to put Kano state on the path of sustainable development.
- The framework seeks to understand the challenges

impeding growth and development performance and the paths to addressing them.

- It highlights Kano state government's priorities for socio-economic development over the next 10 years, setting appropriate goals and targets and proposing strategies that will transform the state back to its leading role amongst the 36 states of the federation.
- Governor Ganduje recently solicited support from the African Development Bank (AfDB) to enable the government implement its development programmes.

EDUCATION

A lot has been achieved in the Education sector since the assumption of office of Governor Ganduje.

Considerable funds were allocated for 104 on-going projects and equally huge funds for new projects. The projects include the following:

- Construction work at the permanent site of the North West University and Kano University of Science and Technology, Wudil
- Award of scholarships to foreign and domestic students
- Construction and rehabilitation of a large number of classrooms and provision of furniture
- Sponsorship of 75 Kano state indigenes for the registration and conduct of the examinations of the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria
- Sponsorship of five (5) Kano indigent nurses for the post basic psychiatric training at the Federal School of Psychiatry, Sokoto
- Procurement of 5,000 computers for the establishment of more JAMB computer-based test centres in the state
- Inauguration of the State and Local Government Education Promotion Committees, as part of the efforts to develop and promote education in the state.



President Buhari with Amb Sola Enikanolaiye, Gov Ganduje, NSA Babagana Monguno, Jamila Muhammed (green dress), and Aisha Auwal (orange dress), the two students of Kano origin who bagged M.Sc (first Class) in India.



On going construction works at the Kano University of Science and Technology, Wudil

HEALTH

In realisation of its goal to improve health indices in the state, the government, under Governor Ganduje, has focused attention and committed huge resources to the improvement of the health sector in the state.

- The Ganduje administration has so far completed the renovation and rehabilitation of various health institutions in the state.
- Among the completed projects was the renovation of the General Hospitals in Wudil, Kura, Tudun Wada, as well as the Nuhu Bamali General Hospital.
- The administration also committed a lot of resources to the procurement of specialised medical equipment for the general hospitals and health institutions in the state.
- The state government also undertook the completion of the abandoned Dental Hospital, on

Zoo Road, and the Giginyu Specialist Hospital, and provided them with state-of-the-art facilities. These hospital projects were abandoned for nine years by previous administrations in the state.

So far, the government has achieved much, even in the face of current economic challenges. Generally, the efforts that the government is



Kano State Governor, Alhaji Abdullahi Umar Ganduje opening the commemorative plaque to declare open the new General Hospital in Dambatta town in Dambatta Local Government Area



Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital

making in healthcare services delivery have recorded a huge success.



HOUSING

On his assumption of office, Governor Ganduje promised that his government will pursue a housing policy that will “provide affordable housing to the low-income groups in the state”. To a great extent, this has been delivered.

Governor Ganduje's government has indeed made a difference in the provision of houses for Kano people.

- Governor Ganduje directed the KSIP to undertake the project of building 5,000 affordable houses across the 44 Local Government Areas of the state. The agency has, accordingly, commenced the project.
- So far, the KSIP has made tremendous progress, generating revenue to the state government and at the same time putting smiles on the faces of civil servants, artisans, traders, and many others who are becoming landlords following the affordable housing project initiated by the Governor Ganduje government.
- Already, KSIP has commenced the Ganduje Affordable Housing Project with the construction of 2,000 housing units for eight metropolitan Local Government Areas, namely: Nasarawa, Dala, Kumbotsho, Ungogo, Gwale, Municipal, Fagge, and Taurani.
- The KSIP has already completed 140 houses in one particular site along Zaria Road, out of a total

number of 583 houses earmarked for the site. The remaining housing units for the site are currently under construction.

- The KSIP is targeting to complete more than 500 units of these housing projects within the next few months. When completed, the houses are sold to the people of the state at subsidised and affordable rates – as a major part of the Ganduje administration's resolve to provide the citizens of the state with decent, affordable housing.
- Under the housing programme, the government provides land for the building of the houses free-of-charge, and the houses are standard, cheap, and affordable.
- As part of a process to generate funds for the execution of these projects and to increase tax payment compliance, on May 30, 2017, Governor Ganduje signed into law three bills aimed at improving the state's Internally Generated Revenue (IGR). He



also abolished Ministry of Lands in the state. The three bills included the Land Use Charges (Amended) 2017, the Kano State Revenue Amended Law 2017 and the Policy Statement on the establishment of the Kano Bureau for Land Management.

Overall, Governor Ganduje's commitment to providing affordable housing to the people of Kano state is in fulfilment of his campaign promises to cater to the needs and overall wellbeing of the people of Kano state.

WATER SUPPLY

When he assumed office in 2015, Governor Ganduje promised that the existing Regional Water Supply Schemes would be expanded to cope with increasing demand of potable water in the urban and rural areas of the state.

In line with the administration's resolve to develop all sectors of Kano's socio-economic life, the government began almost immediately to tackle headlong the problems of water supply in the state. Various water projects have been completed.

- The Tamburawa injection sub-station was completed in order to improve power supply to the Tamburawa Water Treatment Plant.
- The state government has also undertaken the laying of water

pipes and the repairs of several damaged ones that slow the flow of water to different parts of the state.

- In addition, the government has sustained the procurement of water treatment chemicals for all the major water works in the state as well as the regional water schemes.

As part of its commitment to complete all projects inherited from past administrations, for improved water supply across the state, all ductile pipes imported by the state government have been laid. With this, most areas lacking potable water now have regular water supply.





AGRICULTURE

At the inception of the APC government in 2015, the price of oil at the international market dropped so heavily that the economy was forced into a dangerous recession – with both Federal and state governments battling to survive.

This development prompted the President Muhammadu Buhari's administration to initiate a diversification policy that embraced agriculture as a viable means to stabilise the economy and ensure food security for Nigerians. Governor Ganduje's government speedily keyed into President Buhari's diversification policy in agriculture. Kano state's agricultural policy is aimed at facilitating increased agricultural output and employment generation to the teeming populace, under the newly introduced concept of developing commercial agriculture. The government is determined to ensure that farming is done all year round.



Minister of Agric and Gov. Ganduje listen as Gawuna, Commissioner for Agric makes a point during the wheat harvest programme in Kano state

- This determination prompted the state government to drill 1,000 boreholes, under a programme tagged "Drive Away Dry Season".
- The government has invested huge resources in agriculture – especially rice and wheat farming. Last year, Kano cultivated 7,000 hectares of wheat which was the highest in over 20 years.
- This year, Kano has cultivated over 30,000 hectares, which made the price of wheat to crash geometrically in the northern region when the harvests started rolling in.
- Due to the bumper harvest recorded this year, Governor Ganduje has stated that for the first time in history, "Kano will have Wheat Pyramid emulating the famous Groundnut Pyramids back in the days."
- The Kano state government has provided combined wheat harvesting machines to ease the process of harvesting the wheat. Warehouses and stores have been provided by the government in various parts of the state for the farmers to store their product down to the point of sales free of charge.
- Wheat millers and sellers have also been mobilised to buy the produce when farmers are ready to sell. Governor Ganduje has affirmed that the wheat being harvested was a by-product of a N100 million interest-free loan, extended to 10,000 wheat farmers in the state by his administration, late last year.
- The farmers have also been given a moratorium by the government not to pay the loan immediately so that they can re-invest the money in their farms as well as the introduction of new measures on harvest and post-harvest.
- To prevent post-harvest losses, the

government has made available the sum of N50 million as loan for farmers to tap into and meet their immediate needs in order to stop them from selling the wheat products at low prices.

The agriculture revolution has paid off as the state has continued to celebrate bumper harvests in major staple foods like wheat and rice, making Kano exceptional in agricultural production just two years into the Governor Ganduje administration. Kano state has also recorded what the government describes as "modest successes" in some other aspects in its efforts to boost agricultural production in the state. The other recorded successes include the following:

- Procurement and distribution of 114,520 metric tonnes of fertiliser to 484 wards across the state at subsidised rates.
- Procurement, storage, and maintenance of assorted grains as buffer reserves.
- Provision of agricultural Micro Credit Facilities for medium and small scale agriculture businesses.
- Training of 60 youths including females in Artificial Insemination in Turkey.
- Establishment of two Artificial Insemination Centres at Kadawa and Dambatta.
- Commissioning of Artificial Insemination Centre at Tukwui in

- Makoda local government area.
- Provision of interest-free loan to wheat farmers for the purchase of improved seeds.
- Employment of 781 Agricultural Extension agents (each was given a motorcycle) to assist farmers on mass production and seed multiplication.
- The administration also subsidised the cost of fertiliser for the 2015 wet farming season for about N600 million and procured and distributed 5,000 water pump machines to farmers free of charge as well as processed a loan of N1 billion for farmers to boost rice production.
- In February 2016, for five days, the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Chief Audu Ogbeh, visited Kano and travelled round most of the 44 Local Government Areas of the state, visiting and inspecting various agricultural projects. The Minister launched the drilling of 1,000 boreholes across 24 local government areas of the state, as part of initiatives by the government to encourage farmers to produce more wheat under its commercial agriculture programme.
- Chief Ogbeh also used the occasion to distribute 400 motorcycles and 5,000 water pumps to selected farmers.



ENVIRONMENT



- The government is also tackling the issue of environmental cleanliness headlong by acquiring and deploying various types of environmental sanitation equipment to all parts of the state. The deployed equipment include 30 NTM trucks for waste disposal, 40 Brand SDLG 936L loaders, 40 dump trucks, 50 Simba Cabin Tricycle for waste collection, 16 Sino trucks for waste disposal, and 150 (8M3) wastes collection buckets.
- The Ganduje administration has also introduced a Keep Kano Clean campaign with a view to ensuring a clean and healthy environment.
- This is in addition to the construction of drainages at Farawa Legislator's Quarters; construction and rehabilitation of drainages at Kantin Kwari, Abattoir to Koki quarters; rehabilitation of 35 KM shelter belt in Garko LGA, 10 KM Paradaci in Sumaila LGA, 10 KM Ajingi LGA and in Dinyar Madiga of Takai LGA respectively.
- The Kano state government has also signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Federal Government and the World Bank for desertification control.

SECURITY



- The Ganduje administration has continued to maintain a good working relationship with security agencies towards ensuring peace and stability in the state. This

synergy has ensured a lot of successes in the effort to maintain peace.

- Efforts of security agencies in the state have resulted in the return of over 2,000 cows from cattle rustlers to their respective owners in Sumaila and Doguwa local government areas
- The recovery of dangerous weapons and ammunition from cattle rustlers
- Construction of seven (7) security dormitories at Gateways, and financial assistance to 200 people affected by bomb blast at Kano Central Mosque.

PRUDENCE AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNANCE



- As part of his administration's commitment to ensuring the enthronement of the culture of quality, timely service delivery in the public service, Governor Ganduje launched the SERVICOM and upgraded it to a Directorate with a view to ensuring that ministries, departments, and agencies conform to the internationally acknowledged best practices regarding service delivery.
- In line with the administration's drive towards ensuring transparency and accountability, the newly established Public and Anti-Corruption Commission in the state recently uncovered N207 million frauds in

some micro-finance banks in addition to blockage of funds leakages and improvement of internally generated revenue.

- Also, in line with Governor Ganduje administration's resolve to ensuring transparency and accountability in governance, the weekly resolutions of the Executive Council are published on the pages of Nigerian dailies.
- Other fiscal measures include slashing the cost of governance by approximately adjusting the overhead cost of all state MDAs, and insistence on cashless policy with a view to blocking leakages of public funds. Also, maintaining single revenue account platform to ensure capturing of the entire monthly Internally Generated Revenue.
- The state administration also identified new sources of revenue in order to enhance generation.
 - The government also commenced the dedication of over 70 per cent of the budget to capital expenditure and less than 30 per cent to recurrent expenditure. This entailed, among other measures, the reduction of the salaries and allowances of political office holders, including the Governor and his Deputy, by 50 per cent.

SKILLS ACQUISITION PROGRAMME

One of the projects with a direct impact on the chronic problem of youth unemployment is the empowerment programme of the Kano state government.

- On March 23, 2017, Governor Ganduje, along with the Minister of Labour and Employment, Dr Chris Ngige and his team from Abuja, graced the graduation ceremony of 72 trained youths in Automobile Mechanics who were trained for a year at the Peugeot Automobile Nigeria (PAN), in Kaduna.





- During the event, Governor Ganduje also distributed the sum of N50, 000 each, mechanic tools and computers to the graduates as take-off grants. PAN trained the graduates in different skills from mechanical works to panel-beating and painting, among others, at the

instance of the Ganduje administration.

- Governor Ganduje used the occasion to induct 100 young men and 50 young women as new trainees for the second batch who will be trained by PAN for one year.
- The Governor Ganduje

administration in Kano is also working with various agencies and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to execute some skills acquisition programmes for indigenes of the state.

- A non-governmental organisation, the Prisoners Rehabilitation and Welfare Agency (PRAWA) has trained over 30 victims of human trafficking in Kano on different skills acquisition programmes to enable them become self-reliant and productive in the society. The three-month skills acquisition programme was sponsored by PRAWA, in collaboration with the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons and Other Related Matters (NAPTIP).
- Plans have been made to provide the beneficiaries with sewing machines and other vital equipment they need to start up their businesses. The sum of N300, 000 has already been made available for the 30 beneficiaries of the training programme so that they could access it through a revolving soft loanscheme.

INFRASTRUCTURE



Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje of Kano State today inspected the on-going construction of a N1.2 billion Naira underpass at Katsina Road by Kofar Ruwa Junction in Kano city,



Civic center road Sabon titi underpass Rochas okorochoa road Cbn quarters road



Tour of inspection by Gov. Ganduje

When Governor Ganduje's government was sworn into office, one of the bases of the pledges contained in the campaign manifesto for a better society was the provision of infrastructure. To achieve this, the governor promised that "the administration will complete the on-going projects initiated by the previous administrations and produce a master plan for urban beautification to give Kano the real features of a mega-city. The Kano Master Plan will be given impetus for the proper planning and implementation of infrastructure to a wholesale review to ease the flow of traffic and accessibility to many areas."

Among the 36 states in Nigeria, in terms of infrastructural development, Kano stands out for its exceptional achievements. Kano is officially the most populous state in the country, with the highest number of Local Government Areas. Kano also remains, undoubtedly, the commercial nerve centre of northern Nigeria, serving the commercial needs of not only Nigeria, but other neighbouring countries such as Niger, Chad, Sudan, and Cameroon.

Kano is also one of the leading agrarian states in Nigeria, with very large numbers of large-scale farmers. Kano also boasts of major industrial layouts such as Bompai, Sharada, Jogana, and Challawa.

For a state possessing these features to develop, it requires the requisite infrastructural facilities. It is on this premise that Governor Ganduje's government has anchored its determination to provide new public infrastructure, upgrade, and maintain existing ones so as to lay a solid foundation for Kano as an emerging



Beautiful design of ongoing construction of Fanshekara Madobi underpass (Left). Gov. Ganduje on inspection tour of the construction of the underpass (Right)



Various stages of infrastructural development across Kano state

megacity and, as well, attract investors that can take Kano back to its eminent status of the major industrial state in the North.

- The Sharada/Madobi Underpass is one of the major on-going infrastructural development projects of the Ganduje administration, meant to transform Kano into a mega city. Indeed, the Sharada/Madobi Underpass is similar to such structures found in well-developed modern cities like Dubai.
- When completed, the Underpass will, apart from beautifying the state, facilitate unhindered transportation.
- Plans are in advanced stages for the dualisation of Panshekara road, while the Gidan Boss road, which links the Katsina road to the Kofar Mazugal, would provide a short-cut for motorists.
- While road constructions have been previously concentrated within Kano city alone, Governor Ganduje has gone into the construction and rehabilitation of roads linking Kano hinterlands to the urban centres so as to allow for easy movement of goods and agricultural products.
- Other projects completed or on-going, as part of Governor Ganduje's infrastructural development programme, include the renovation of office premises at the Audu Bako Secretariat, the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, and the Board of Internal Revenue.
- Completion of inherited Hydropower Projects.
- Completion of the Jakara Wuju-

Wuju Road, Murtala Muhammad Way flyover and several other road projects.

- Some of the road projects already completed and commissioned include the Post Office road, Dorawa road, Gurin Gawa-Maidille road, Niger street, Lagos street, Kofar Dawanau/Yantaya road, Ahmadiyya road, and Kwankwaso Town road network.
- The government has also completed the rehabilitation and reconstruction of some major roads such as the Babban Kwari Badawa-Bala Barodo road, Lamido road, Lamido Terrace, Sultan road, Kawo road, Tiga-Rurum-Rano road, Kwanar Zira-Zaura-Dungurawa road, Mobile Police Barrack-CBN Quarters road, Panshekara-Madobi Junction-Panshekara Town.
- Other roads rehabilitated or constructed by the Ganduje government include the Maraba-Farm Centre road, Ahmadiyya road, fortification and embankment of Challawa Bridge, Tiga-Rirum road, Burum Burum-Kibiya-Rano road, Maideli-Shagari Quarters Road, Kwairanga road, Maiduguri road to Muhammad Muhammad avenue; Kundilla housing estate roads; access roads at Challawa Independent Power Project site; Sheik Jafar Mahmoud Adam road; Bichi-Dambatta road; Madobi junction to Challawa road; Yolawa-Malam Kato Square; Yantaga to Dawanau road; Yusuf road; Civic Centre-Rail Way road, and many more.
- Some on-going road projects

include the continuation of the Murtala Muhammad Bridge, Prince Abubakar Audu Underpass at Kofar Gadon Kaya, Construction and dualisation of Dakata-Bela road Phase 1; upgrading and dualisation of Sheik Mahmud Salga road; expansion and dualisation of Zaria road, and many others.

- New road projects under construction include the Dorayi-Panshekara-Madobi underpass; Kanti Kwari market road network; Dakata-Bela road Phase II; Kings Garden-Kwanar T/Wada-T/Murtala road; Abdullah Bayero road; Kwanar Dawanau - Dandishe - Kwanar Madugu road Phase II; Court road Sabon Gari; New road Sabon Gari; Rumfa Shehu road network; Rijiyar Zaki, Gwaro-Dan suda road; Gidan Boss-Katsina road Fagge, Gurjiya-Yankatsari-Rijiyar Gwangwan road.
- Significantly, Governor Ganduje has greatly impacted on the living condition of residents of Sabon Gari community in the state, which harbours residents from outside the state. The governor, upon assumption of office, immediately commenced the reconstruction of Court road, Sabon Gari, which has been in a deteriorating condition for several years.
- The road which has been completed, commissioned, and renamed after the Governor of Imo state, Owelle Rochas Okorocho, attracted an avalanche of commendations to Governor Ganduje from residents of the area.